

SENATE BILL 3858

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,  
Chapter 11, Part 1, relative to dams

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The department of environment and conservation shall conduct, or have conducted, a study of the dams in Tennessee that are currently exempt from regulation under the Safe Dams Act, T.C.A. §69-11-101 et seq., because they are diversion weirs, farm ponds, or wastewater impoundment barriers. This study shall determine how many dams there are in Tennessee that are exempt under each of these three exemptions, determine which hazard category the exempt dams would be in if they were regulated and include any other information relevant to safety that can be observed on an inspection of the dams. The department and its contractors shall have the same authority for inspections in relation to this study as that granted by T.C.A. §69-11-104(a)(8). The department shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Environment, Conservation, and Tourism Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee no later than January 15, 2012, detailing the results of the study.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.